## FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Dispositional Order--Protection or Services (Chapter 48)

Form Number: JC-1611

**Statutory Reference:** §§48.345, 48.355, and 48.356, Wisconsin Statutes

**Benchbook Reference:** 

**Purpose of Form:** Formal order of the court detailing the disposition in a ch. 48 child in

need of protection or services (CHIPS) case (this does not apply to a

ch. 938 juvenile in need of protection or services).

**Who Completes It:** Court clerk, corporation counsel or district attorney.

**Distribution of Form:** Original to court, copies to child, parent/guardian/legal

custodian/trustee, child's attorney, district attorney/corporation

counsel, social worker, and other interested parties.

**Accompanying Forms:** If out-of-home placement is ordered, form JD-1753, Notice

Concerning Grounds to Terminate Parental Rights, must be attached.

**New Form/Modification:** Modification; last update 04/08.

**Modifications:** Updated language to comply with 2009 Wisconsin Act 79 regarding

sibling placement and visitation; diligent search and notice to relatives and other adults; and the permanency plan including out-of-state placements. Section 48.355(2)(b)1. requires that the dispositional order contain the "specific services" to be provided to the child and family. Furthermore, *Sheboygan County DHHS v. William L.*, 2009AP136-138, held that the absence of written court

ordered specific services in the CHIPS dispositional order precluded the Department from proving in the TPR case that it

made reasonable efforts to comply with such order.

**Comments:** Pursuant to ASFA Final Rules, judicial determinations must be

explicitly documented and made on a case by case basis. The order must contain the child-specific reasons for the court's decision.

Reference simply to state statute to substantiate judicial

determinations are not sufficient. Affidavits and *nunc pro tunc* orders are not acceptable to support determinations related to out of

home placements.

RMC recommends that the court not rely upon attachments alone as the basis for its findings. Where attachments are used, specific reference to the document title, page and paragraph should be made.

RMC has concerns that out of home placements ordered to be effective in the future may violate ASFA rules. One suggested

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procedure in these cases is to first enter a dispositional order placing the child at home, then revise the dispositional order pursuant to §48.363 upon the actual removal from the home. Another option is to adjourn the dispositional hearing until the actual removal date.

**About this Form:** 

This form is the product of the Wisconsin Records Management Committee, a committee of the Director of State Court's Office and a mandate of the Wisconsin Judicial Conference.

If you have additional information that does not change the meaning of the form, attach it on a separate page. The form itself shall not be altered.

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